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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Copies of the non-U.S. references are enclosed, together with English Abstracts.

These documents were cited in examination of the corresponding Japanese patent applications 11-316568 and 2000-587737.

JP 10-239628 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,933,279; JP 11-174367 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,094,241; and JP 2-281891 corresponds to 5,034,809.

CONCLUSION

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).]

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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